



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Gerhard Siemeister et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 09/887,527

Examiner: J. E. ANGELL

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For: COMBINATIONS AND COMPOSITIONS WHICH INTERFERE WITH VEGF/VEGF
AND ANGIOPOIETIN/TIE RECEPTOR FUNCTION AND THEIR USE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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This communication is responsive to the office action dated April 22, 2003.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7 and 9-11), with traverse. With respect to the election of a subgroup, applicants elect Group A (claims 1-7 and 9-11 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound, which inhibits or interferes with VEGF/VEGF), Group i) (drawn to a small molecular weight substance), and Groups a) (SEQ ID NO:60) and b) ((4-chlorophenyl)[4-(4-pyridylmethyl)-phthalazin-1-yl]ammonium hydrogen succinate).

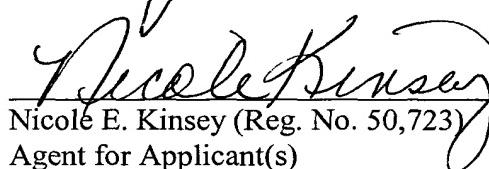
The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement/election because an examination of the full scope of the claims would not represent a serious search burden for the patent office. Absent a serious burden of examination, restriction is not proper. See M.P.E.P. § 803. Thus, the requirement should be withdrawn.

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No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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